(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) ONGC has placed orders for the construction and supply of 8 OSVs on M|s. Samsung South Korea and 5 OSVs on M|s. Southern Ocean, Singapore. Deliveries are expected during January-May 1985.

Time Gap between finding of an Oilfield and its utilisation

1310. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any time gap between finding of an oilfield and utilisation of the same;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps have been taken to narrow down this time gap during the last five years; and

(d) what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After discovery of oil in a structure, it has to be assessed if the oil found can be commercially exploited. Thereafter reservoir engineering studies have to be done, production facilities have to be acquired, installed and commissioned. These accounts for the time gap between discovery & its exploitation.

(c) and (d) Continuous efforts are being made to reduce this time gap by proper planning and expeditious procurement of material for establishment of transportation and production facilities.

Concern Expressed by Planning Commission on Power Transmission

1311. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased ot state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has expressed serious concern over the totally dismal and disappointing performance in power transmission and distribution adding that progress of setting up of 400 kv and 220 kv lines was very poor and that the lag in transmititng power from new capacity was likely to affect the economy seriously; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission had reviewed the progress of transmission works, including construction of 400 kv and 220 KV lines, and have stressed the need for close monitoring of the transmission programme so that evacuation of power, from the new capacity being created, is not hampered. The achievement in transmission construction works during 1983-84 was of 826 Ckt. Kms of 400 KV lines and 1849 Ckt. Kms of 220 KV lines.

Several factors, such as inadequate funding right-of-way problems and shortages of special steel sections, conductors and erection equipment, have impeded the implementation of transmission projects For ensuring the availability of transmission facilities in time, it becomes necessary that transmission projects are conceived, formulated and approved sufficiently in advance and, accordingly, the State Eletricity Boards and other power supply authorities have been advised to include the associated transmission system in their generation schemes.